

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification as follows:

—This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/410,835, filed October 1, 1999, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/471,491, filed June 6, 1995, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,090,611, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/256,848, filed October 21, 1994, which is a U.S. national phase application of the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP93/00472, filed March 2, 1993, and which claims priority of International Application No. PCT/EP93/00158 filed January 25, 1993, which two PCT applications claimedclaim priority benefit of Italian Application Serial No. FI 92 A 000052, filed March 2, 1992, the entire contents of each application is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.—

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 30-32, as follows:

—Fig. 3 is a map of the *cai* gene for the CAI protein and summary of the clones used to identify and sequence this gene. The nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:11) and amino acid (SEQ ID NO:12) sequences of one of the repeated sequences found in strain G39 is shown at the bottom of the figure. The capital letters indicate the sequences D1, D2, and D3 duplicated from the *cai* gene, the small letters indicate the nucleotide and amino acid linkers, P=promoter, and T=terminator.—